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In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/522225

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For: KETONES

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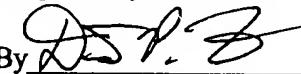
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## Foreign Applications

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/GB2003/003171</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>23 July 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>27 July 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>KETONES</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Barton et al.</b>		
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p> <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>Return Receipt Postcard</b></p>		

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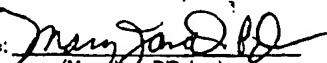
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application prior to substantive examination as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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In the Specification:

On Page 1, please insert the following paragraph immediately after the title:

Related Applications

This application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application PCT/GB2003/003171, filed July 23, 2003, which claims priority from United Kingdom Patent Applications Nos. 0217433.2, filed July 27, 2002 and 0230318.8, filed December 24, 2002, the specifications of all of which are incorporated by reference herein. International Application PCT/GB2003/003171 was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

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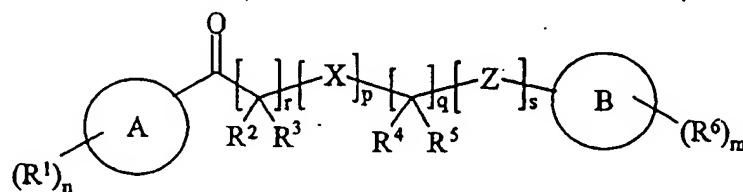
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting 11 $\beta$ HSD1, comprising administering a compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein:

**Ring A** is selected from aryl or heteroaryl;

$R^1$  is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)sulphamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyl $C_{0-6}$ alkylene-Y-, and heterocyclyl $C_{0-6}$ alkylene-Y-; or two  $R^1$  groups on adjacent carbons may form an oxy $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy group or a  $C_{3-5}$ alkylene group; wherein  $R^1$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^7$  groups selected from  $R^7$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an  $R^8$  group selected from  $R^8$ ;

$n$  is 0-3; wherein the values of  $R^1$  may be the same or different;

$R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonylamino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and heterocyclyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl; or

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  together form oxo or a spiro attached heterocyclyl; wherein  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^9$  groups selected from  $R^9$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an  $R^{10}$  group selected from  $R^{10}$ ;

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X and Z are independently selected from  $-\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}-$ ,  $-\text{S}(\text{O})_a-$ ,  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{NR}^{13}-$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{14}-$ ,  $-\text{NR}^{15}\text{C}(\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{OC}(\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{16}-$ , or and  $-\text{NR}^{16}\text{SO}_2-$ ; wherein a is 0 to 2;

r is 1 or 2;

q is 0 or 1;

p is 0 or 1;

s is 0 or 1;

Ring B is carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl; wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by an  $\text{R}^{17}$  group selected from  $\text{R}^{17}$ ;

$\text{R}^6$  is a substituent on carbon and is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{2-4}$ alkenyl,  $\text{C}_{2-4}$ alkynyl,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$ ,  $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{amino}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkanoylamino}$ ,  $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{carbamoyl}$ ,  $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{carbamoyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkylS}(\text{O})_a$  wherein a is 0 to 2,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$ ,  $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{sulphamoyl}$ ,  $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{sulphamoyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkylsulphonylamino}$ , carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyl $\text{C}_{0-4}$ alkylene-Y, and heterocyclyl $\text{C}_{0-4}$ alkylene-Y; wherein  $\text{R}^6$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $\text{R}^{18}$  groups selected from  $\text{R}^{18}$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an  $\text{R}^{19}$  group selected from  $\text{R}^{19}$ ;

m is 0-3; wherein the values of  $\text{R}^6$  may be the same or different;

Y is  $-\text{S}(\text{O})_a-$ ,  $-\text{O}-$ ,  $-\text{NR}^{20}-$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^{21}-$ ,  $-\text{NR}^{22}\text{C}(\text{O})-$ , or  $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}^{23}-$ ; wherein a is 0 to 2;

$\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{R}^9$ , and  $\text{R}^{18}$  are independently selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{2-4}$ alkenyl,  $\text{C}_{2-4}$ alkynyl,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$ ,  $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{amino}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkanoylamino}$ ,  $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{carbamoyl}$ ,  $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{carbamoyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkylS}(\text{O})_a$  wherein a is 0 to 2,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkoxycarbonyl}$ ,  $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{sulphamoyl}$ ,  $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{sulphamoyl}$ ,  $\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkylsulphonylamino}$ , carbocyclyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein  $\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{R}^9$ , and  $\text{R}^{18}$  may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $\text{R}^{26}$  groups;

$\text{R}^{11}$  and  $\text{R}^{12}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, cyano,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})\text{amino}$ ,  $N,N-(\text{C}_{1-4}\text{alkyl})_2\text{amino}$ , carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyl $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl, and heterocyclyl $\text{C}_{1-4}$ alkyl; wherein  $\text{R}^{11}$  and  $\text{R}^{12}$  may be independently

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optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more R<sup>24</sup> groups selected from R<sup>24</sup>; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an R<sup>25</sup> group selected from R<sup>25</sup>;

R<sup>24</sup> is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyloxy, *N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, *N,N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoylamino, *N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, *N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)sulphamoyl, *N,N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl, and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonylamino;

R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>19</sup>, and R<sup>25</sup> are independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkanoyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl, *N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, *N,N*-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)carbamoyl, benzyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, benzoyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, and phenylsulphonyl; wherein R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>19</sup>, and R<sup>25</sup> may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more R<sup>27</sup> groups;

R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>20</sup>, R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup>, and R<sup>23</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, phenyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>26</sup> and R<sup>27</sup> are independently selected from selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, acetyl, acetoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylamino, acetylamino, *N*-methylcarbamoyl, *N*-ethylcarbamoyl, *N,N*-dimethylcarbamoyl, *N,N*-diethylcarbamoyl, *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylcarbamoyl, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulphinyl, ethylsulphinyl, mesyl, ethylsulphonyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, *N*-methylsulphamoyl, *N*-ethylsulphamoyl, *N,N*-dimethylsulphamoyl, *N,N*-diethylsulphamoyl, and *or* *N*-methyl-*N*-ethylsulphamoyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the inhibition of 11<sub>β</sub>HSD1; with the proviso that said compound is not (1-methyl-1-pyrid-3-ylethyl)-(pyrid-3-yl)-ketone.

2. (Currently Amended) The method use of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in of claim 1, wherein Ring A is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, and or benzothienyl.

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3. (Currently Amended) The methoduse of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in either of claim 1, or claim 2 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is selected from halo, cyano, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, N,N-(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, and heterocyclylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkylene-Y-; or two R<sup>1</sup> groups on adjacent carbons may form an oxyC<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy group; wherein R<sup>1</sup> may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more R<sup>7</sup> groups selected from R<sup>7</sup>;

Y is -S(O)<sub>a</sub>-, or-O-; wherein a is 0 to 2; and

R<sup>7</sup> is halo.

4. (Currently Amended) The methoduse of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1,[-3]] wherein R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)amino, carbocyclyl, carbocyclylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, and heterocyclylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; wherein R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, and R<sup>5</sup> may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more R<sup>9</sup> groups selected from R<sup>9</sup>; and wherein

R<sup>9</sup> is selected from halo, cyano, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, and N,N-(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino.

5. (Currently Amended) The methoduse of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1,[-6]] wherein X is -S(O)<sub>a</sub>-, -O-, -NR<sup>13</sup>-, -NR<sup>15</sup>C(O)-, -SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>16</sup>-, or -NR<sup>16</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>-; wherein a is 0 or 2; and

R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, and R<sup>16</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, phenyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl.

6. (Currently Amended) The methoduse of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1,[-5]] wherein Ring B is phenyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolidinyl, 1,3-dihydroisoindolyl, morpholinyl, naphthyl, cyclohexyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, thiomorpholinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, benzimidazolyl, or pyrimidinyl; wherein if Ring B contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an R<sup>17</sup> group selected from R<sup>17</sup>;

R<sup>17</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or benzyl; wherein R<sup>17</sup> may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more R<sup>27</sup> groups; wherein and

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$R^{27}$  is methoxy.

7. (Currently Amended) The methoduse of a compound, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 1,[-6]] wherein  $R^6$  is a substituent on carbon and is selected from halo, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, carbamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 or 2,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl and carbocyclyl $C_{0-4}$ alkylene-Y-; wherein  $R^6$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^{18}$  groups selected from  $R^{18}$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an  $R^{19}$  group selected from  $R^{19}$ ;

Y is -C(O) or -C(O)NR<sup>21</sup>-;

$R^{18}$  is selected from halo, cyano, hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, and heterocyclyl;

$R^{19}$  is heterocyclyl; and

$R^{21}$  is hydrogen.

8. (Currently Amended) The methoduse of a compound of formula (I) (as depicted in claim 1,[]) wherein:

Ring A is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, and or benzothienyl;

$R^1$  is selected from halo, cyano, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, and heterocyclyl $C_{0-6}$ alkylene-Y-; or two  $R^1$  groups on adjacent carbons may form an oxy $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy group; wherein  $R^1$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^7$  groups selected from  $R^7$ ;

Y is -S(O)<sub>a</sub>-, or-O-; wherein a is 0 to 2; and

$R^7$  is halo[.];

n is 0-3; wherein the values of  $R^1$  may be the same or different;

r is 1 or 2;

s is 0;

$R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino, carbocyclyl, carbocyclyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and heterocyclyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;

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wherein  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by with one or more  $R^9$  groups selected from  $R^9$ ; wherein

$R^9$  is selected from halo, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino[.];

$X$  is  $-S(O)_a-$ ,  $-O-$ ,  $-NR^{13}-$ ,  $-NR^{15}C(O)-$ ,  $-SO_2NR^{16}-$ , or  $-NR^{16}SO_2-$ ; wherein  $a$  is 0 or 2; and

$R^{13}$ ,  $R^{15}$ , and  $R^{16}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, phenyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl, and  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;

$q$  is 0 or 1;

$p$  is 0 or 1;

Ring B is phenyl, thiienyl, furyl, thiazolyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolidinyl, 1,3-dihydroisoindolyl, morpholinyl, naphthyl, cyclohexyl, pyridyl, imidazolyl, 1,2,4-triazolyl, 1,3-benzodioxolyl, thiomorpholinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, pyridazinyl, benzimidazolyl, or pyrimidinyl; wherein if Ring B contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by a group selected from  $R^{17}$ ;

$R^{17}$  is  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl or benzyl; wherein  $R^{17}$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by with one or more  $R^{27}$  groups; wherein

$R^{27}$  is methoxy;

$R^6$  is a substituent on carbon and is selected from halo, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, carbamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein  $a$  is 0 or 2,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, and carbocyclylC<sub>0-4</sub>alkylene-Y-; wherein  $R^6$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by with one or more  $R^{18}$  groups selected from  $R^{18}$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by with an  $R^{19}$  group selected from  $R^{19}$ ;

$Y$  is  $-C(O)$  or  $-C(O)NR^{21}-$ ;

$R^{18}$  is selected from halo, cyano, hydroxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy, and heterocyclyl;

$R^{19}$  is heterocyclyl; and

$R^{21}$  is hydrogen; and

$m$  is 0-3; wherein the values of  $R^6$  may be the same or different[.],  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the inhibition of 11 $\beta$ HSD1;

with the proviso that said compound is not (1-methyl-1-pyrid-3-yl-ethyl)-(pyrid-3-yl) ketene.

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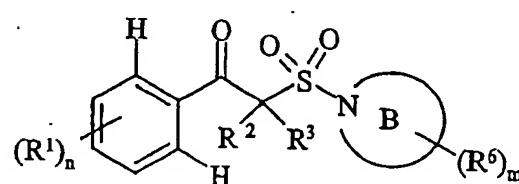
9. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I) (as depicted in claim 1) selected from: [2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(pyrid-3-yl)ethyl]- (4-chlorophenyl)-ketone; [2-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(pyrazin-2-yl)ethyl]- (pyridin-3-yl)-ketone; ( $\alpha$ -methylamino-4-chlorobenzyl)- (4-chlorophenyl)-ketone; (benzothiazol-2-yl)- (pyrrolidin-1-ylsulphonylmethyl)-ketone; (thiazol-2-yl)- (pyrrolidin-1-ylsulphonylmethyl)-ketone; [1-(morpholinosulphonyl)-1-methylethyl]- (4-fluorophenyl)-ketone; (4-fluorophenyl)- [N-(cyclohexyl)-N-(isopropyl)sulphamoylmethyl]-ketone; (4-fluorophenyl)- [N-(pyrid-2-yl)-N-(methyl)sulphamoylmethyl]-ketone; (4-methylphenylsulphonylmethyl)- (4-cyanophenyl)-ketone; (4-ethoxyphenoxyethyl)- (4-chlorophenyl)-ketone; (4-chlorophenyl)- [3-(2,6-difluorobenzoylamino)propyl]-ketone; and (4-chlorophenyl)- [3-(4-methoxyphenylsulphonylamino)propyl]-ketone; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of a compound of formula (I) (as depicted in claim 1, [ ]) wherein the compound of formula (I) is selected from:

( $\alpha$ -methyl- $\alpha$ -hydroxy-4-chlorobenzyl)- (4-chlorophenyl)-ketone; (morpholinosulphonylmethyl)- (4-fluorophenyl)-ketone; (*N*-methyl-4-methylanilinosulphonylmethyl)- (4-chlorophenyl)-ketone; and (*N*-methyl-4-chloroanilinomethyl)- (4-chlorophenyl)-ketone; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, [ ])

~~in the manufacture of a medicament for use in the inhibition of 11 $\beta$ HSD1.~~

11. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (Ij):



(Ij)

wherein:

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$R^1$  is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)sulphamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkylene-Y-, and heterocyclylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkylene-Y-; or two  $R^1$  groups on adjacent carbons may form an oxy $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy group or a  $C_{3-5}$ alkylene group; wherein  $R^1$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^7$  groups selected from  $R^7$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by an  $R^8$  group selected from  $R^8$ ;

$n$  is 0-3; wherein the values of  $R^1$  may be the same or different;

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonylamino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, and heterocyclylC<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl; or

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  together form oxo or a spiro attached heterocyclyl; wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^9$  groups selected from  $R^9$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an  $R^{10}$  group selected from  $R^{10}$ ;

Ring B is a heterocyclyl linked to the sulphonyl of the compound of formula (Ij) via a nitrogen atom; wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an  $R^{17}$  group selected from  $R^{17}$ ;

$R^6$  is a substituent on carbon and is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)sulphamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclylC<sub>0-4</sub>alkylene-Y-, and heterocyclylC<sub>0-4</sub>alkylene-Y-; wherein  $R^6$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^{18}$  groups selected from  $R^{18}$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an  $R^{19}$  group selected from  $R^{19}$ ;

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$m$  is 0-3; wherein the values of  $R^6$  may be the same or different;

$Y$  is  $-S(O)_a$ ,  $-O$ ,  $-NR^{20}$ ,  $-C(O)$ ,  $-C(O)NR^{21}$ ,  $-NR^{22}C(O)$ , or  $-SO_2NR^{23}$ ; wherein  $a$  is 0 to 2;

$R^7$ ,  $R^9$ , and  $R^{18}$  are independently selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein  $a$  is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)sulphamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein  $R^7$ ,  $R^9$ , and  $R^{18}$  may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^{26}$  groups;

$R^8$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{17}$ , and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl, benzyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, benzoyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, and phenylsulphonyl; wherein  $R^8$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{17}$ , and  $R^{19}$  may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^{27}$  groups;

$R^{20}$ ,  $R^{21}$ ,  $R^{22}$ , and  $R^{23}$  are independently selected from hydrogen, phenyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl, and  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;

$R^{26}$  and  $R^{27}$  are independently selected from selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, acetyl, acetoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino,  $N$ -methyl- $N$ -ethylamino, acetylamino,  $N$ -methylcarbamoyl,  $N$ -ethylcarbamoyl,  $N,N$ -dimethylcarbamoyl,  $N,N$ -diethylcarbamoyl,  $N$ -methyl- $N$ -ethylcarbamoyl, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulphanyl, ethylsulphanyl, mesyl, ethylsulphonyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl,  $N$ -methylsulphamoyl,  $N$ -ethylsulphamoyl,  $N,N$ -dimethylsulphamoyl,  $N,N$ -diethylsulphamoyl, and  $\alpha$ - $N$ -methyl- $N$ -ethylsulphamoyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

with the proviso that said compound is not

(phenyl)-[ $\alpha$ -(pyrrolidin-1-ylsulphonyl)benzyl]-ketone;

(phenyl)-[ $\alpha$ -(morpholinosulphonyl)benzyl]-ketone;

(4-carbamoylphenyl)-[4-(5-chloropyridin-2-yloxy)piperidin-1-ylsulphonylmethyl]-ketone;

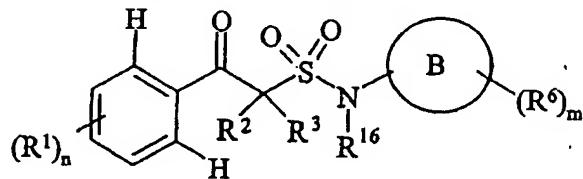
(4-carbamoylphenyl)-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)piperidin-1-ylsulphonylmethyl]-ketone;

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(4-fluorophenyl)-[4-(5-chloropyridin-2-yloxy)piperidin-1-ylsulphonylmethyl]-ketone;  
 (phenyl)-[4-(5-chloropyridin-2-yloxy)piperidin-1-ylsulphonylmethyl]-ketone;  
 (4-chlorophenyl)-(piperazin-1-ylsulphonylmethyl)-ketone;  
 (4-chlorophenyl)-[4-(*t*-butoxycarbonyl)piperazin-1-ylsulphonylmethyl]-ketone;  
 (4-hydroxyphenyl)-(morpholinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone; or  
 (phenyl)-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-2-ylsulphonylmethyl)-ketone; and with the proviso that when  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are hydrogen,  $m$  is 0, and Ring B is 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl, then  $(R^1)_n$  is not hydrogen, 4-fluoro, 4-nitro, 3,4-dimethoxy, 4-methoxy, 4-*t*-butyl, 4-trifluoromethyl, or 4-chloro; and with the proviso that when  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are hydrogen,  $m$  is 0, and Ring B is morpholino, then  $(R^1)_n$  is not hydrogen, 4-dimethylamino, 4-nitro, 4-methoxy, 4-*t*-butyl, 4-trifluoromethyl, or 4-fluoro or 4-chloro.

## 12. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (Ik):



(Ik)

wherein:

$R^1$  is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-6}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)sulphamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyl $C_{0-6}$ alkylene-Y-, and heterocyclyl $C_{0-6}$ alkylene-Y-; or two  $R^1$  groups on adjacent carbons may form an oxy $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy group or a  $C_{3-5}$ alkylene group; wherein  $R^1$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by-with one or more  $R^7$  groups selected from  $R^7$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by-with an  $R^8$  group selected from  $R^8$ ;

$n$  is 0-3; wherein the values of  $R^1$  may be the same or different;

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  are independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,

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$C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonylamino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, and heterocyclyl $C_{1-4}$ alkyl; or

$R^2$  and  $R^3$  together form oxo or a spiro attached heterocyclyl; wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by with one or more  $R^9$  groups selected from  $R^9$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by with an  $R^{10}$  group selected from  $R^{10}$ ;

Ring B is carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl; wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by with an  $R^{17}$  group selected from  $R^{17}$ ;

$R^6$  is a substituent on carbon and is selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)sulphamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, carbocyclyl $C_{0-4}$ alkylene-Y-, and heterocyclyl $C_{0-4}$ alkylene-Y-; wherein  $R^6$  may be optionally substituted on carbon by with one or more  $R^{18}$  groups selected from  $R^{18}$ ; and wherein if said heterocyclyl contains an -NH- moiety, that nitrogen may be optionally substituted by with an  $R^{19}$  group selected from  $R^{19}$ ;

$m$  is 0-3; wherein the values of  $R^6$  may be the same or different;

$Y$  is  $-S(O)_a-$ ,  $-O-$ ,  $-NR^{20}-$ ,  $-C(O)-$ ,  $-C(O)NR^{21}-$ ,  $-NR^{22}C(O)-$ , or  $-SO_2NR^{23}-$ ; wherein a is 0 to 2;

$R^7$ ,  $R^9$ , and  $R^{18}$  are independently selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-4}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-4}$ alkynyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyloxy,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>amino,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoylamino,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>carbamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylS(O)<sub>a</sub> wherein a is 0 to 2,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)sulphamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)<sub>2</sub>sulphamoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonylamino, carbocyclyl, and heterocyclyl; wherein  $R^7$ ,  $R^9$ , and  $R^{18}$  may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by with one or more  $R^{26}$  groups;

$R^8$ ,  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{17}$ , and  $R^{19}$  are independently selected from  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkanoyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylsulphonyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxycarbonyl, carbamoyl,  $N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl,  $N,N-(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)carbamoyl, benzyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, benzoyl, carbocyclyl, heterocyclyl, and

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phenylsulphonyl; wherein R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, and R<sup>19</sup> may be independently optionally substituted on carbon by with one or more R<sup>27</sup> groups;

R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>20</sup>, R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup>, and R<sup>23</sup> are independently selected from hydrogen, phenyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylsulphonyl, and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>26</sup> and R<sup>27</sup> are independently selected from selected from halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, trifluoromethoxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, carboxy, carbamoyl, mercapto, sulphamoyl, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, acetyl, acetoxy, methylamino, ethylamino, dimethylamino, diethylamino, N-methyl-N-ethylamino, acetylamino, N-methylcarbamoyl, N-ethylcarbamoyl, N,N-dimethylcarbamoyl, N,N-diethylcarbamoyl, N-methyl-N-ethylcarbamoyl, methylthio, ethylthio, methylsulphanyl, ethylsulphanyl, mesyl, ethylsulphonyl, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, N-methylsulphamoyl, N-ethylsulphamoyl, N,N-dimethylsulphamoyl, N,N-diethylsulphamoyl, and or N-methyl-N-ethylsulphamoyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

with the proviso that said compound is not

(phenyl)-(5-methylpyrazol-3-ylaminosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

(phenyl)-[(2-methyl-6-methoxy-2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-4-yl)aminosulphonylmethyl]-ketone;

(phenyl)-(1-phenyl-3-methylpyrazol-5-ylaminosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

(phenyl)-[1-(cyclohexyl-N-methylaminosulphonyl)ethyl]-ketone;

(phenyl)-[1-(phenyl-N-methylaminosulphonyl)ethyl]-ketone;

(phenyl)-(cyclohexylaminosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

(phenyl)-[(2-phenyl-4-acetyl-5-methylimidazol-3-yl)-N-methylaminosulphonylmethyl]-ketone;

(phenyl)-[(2-phenyl-4-acetyl-5-methylimidazol-3-yl)aminosulphonylmethyl]-ketone;

(phenyl)-(2,4,5,6,7,8-hexahydrocycloheptapyrazol-3-ylaminosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

(phenyl)-(4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-2H-indazol-3-ylaminosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

(phenyl)-[(4-phenyl-5-methylpyrazol-3-yl)aminosulphonylmethyl]-ketone;

(phenyl)-[3-(1-carboxymethyl-3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropthalazin-2-yl)anilinosulphonylmethyl]-ketone;

(phenyl)-{3-[1-(methoxycarbonylmethyl)-3-methyl-4-oxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropthalazin-2-yl]anilinosulphonylmethyl}-ketone; (phenyl)-(4-methylanilinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

(phenyl)-(2-benzoyl-4-chloroanilinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

(phenyl)-(2,3-dimethylanilinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

(phenyl)-(3,4-dimethylanilinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;

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(phenyl)-(3-methylanilinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;  
(phenyl)-(3-methoxyanilinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone;  
(phenyl)-(anilinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone; (phenyl)-(2-acetylanilinosulphonylmethyl)-ketone; or  
(phenyl)-[ $\alpha$ -(N-ethylanilinosulphonyl)benzyl]-ketone.

13. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I), (Ij) or (Ik), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in any one of claims 9, 11 or 12, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmaceutically[[ -]] acceptable diluent or carrier.

14. (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula (I), (Ij) or (Ik), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as claimed in method for inhibiting 11 $\beta$ HSD1, comprising administering to a warm-blooded animal, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 9, 11, or 12, for use in a method of prophylactic or therapeutic treatment of a warm-blooded animal, such as man.

15-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of a metabolic syndrome, comprising inhibiting 11 $\beta$ HSD1 The use of a compound as claimed in any one of claims claim 1-8, or 10 or 16 wherein production of, or producing an, 11 $\beta$ HSD1 inhibitory effect refers to the treatment of metabolic syndrome.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of a disease selected from The use of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1-8, 10 or 16 wherein production of, or producing an, 11 $\beta$ HSD1 inhibitory effect refers to the treatment of diabetes, obesity, hyperlipidaemia, hyperglycaemia, hyperinsulinemia, and/or hypertension, comprising inhibiting 11 $\beta$ HSD1 as claimed in claim 1 or 10 particularly diabetes and obesity.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for the treatment of a disease selected from The use of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1-8, 10 or 16 wherein production of, or producing an, 11 $\beta$ HSD1 inhibitory effect refers to the treatment of glaucoma, osteoporosis, tuberculosis,

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dementia, cognitive disorders or depression, comprising inhibiting 11 $\beta$ HSD1 as claimed in  
claim 1 or 10.

20. (Cancelled).

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REMARKS

The specification was amended to add the priority applications and insert the abstract into the specification. Claims 1-14 and 17-19 were amended and claims 15, 16, and 20 were canceled in order to reduce the number of claims. No new matter was added by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

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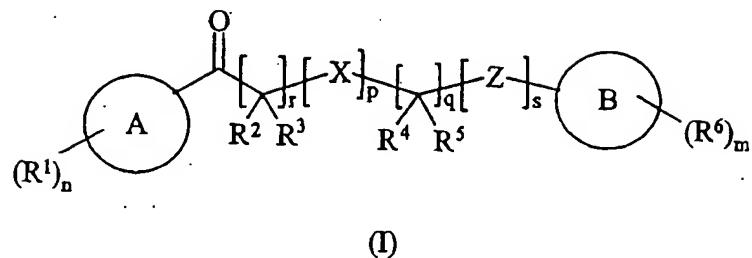
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ABSTRACTKETONES

Compounds of formula (I): wherein variable groups are as defined within; for use in the inhibition of  $11\beta$ HSD1 are described.

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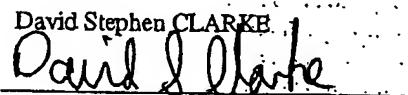
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